

NEIGHBORS NEWS

Traffic Study

The City of Decatur has begun work on a neighborhood traffic study. This study will identify and analyze potential solutions to problems created by the use of local neighborhood streets by excessive non-local traffic.

As an initial study effort, a general introductory meeting is to be held at 7:30 P. M. on Wednesday November 1 at Renfroe Middle School. At this meeting, the consultants who will be assisting the City on this effort will be introduced. The City will also describe the objectives of the study, describe the general study approach, discuss how neighborhood organizations and individual citizens can help in conducting the study and hear the consultant's preliminary views on some of the problems and conflicts that must be addressed.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Fun(d) Raiser

WPNA is working a concession selling beer, peanuts and ice cream in the stands during the October 30 Falcons home football game against the Los Angeles Rams. If 15 of us go, we can make about \$300 for the WPNA in one night. We now have 10 volunteers and need five more. If you can help, call Bob Leitch at 377-8181 or 377-0856.

For those of you going, let's meet at 6:45 P.M. at the Winnona Park School Parking lot and car pool to the stadium. If you don't car pool, you must enter Gate K before 7:30. Admission is free, and \$1.00 parking will be available.

Vote Nov. 7



NEXT MEETING

THIS SUNDAY - OCTOBER 29

Another pot-luck supper will precede our October 29 meeting at the Columbia Presbyterian Church social hall. We meet to eat at 5:00 P.M. At 6:00 P.M., we will have our business meeting. Please bring a beverage and a covered dish. Utensils, cups, plates and napkins will be provided. Adjournment at 7:30 P.M.

Our October 29 program is on the non-candidate issues on the November 7 ballot. State Senator Bud Stumbaugh will come and help us sort out all the Constitutional amendments.

We can vote on 41 constitutional amendments. Thirty-six are being considered state-wide and five being considered county-wide. We can also vote for or against the county 1% sales tax question.

If one waits until the last minute to study the amendments, it will be nearly impossible to understand. The language of many of the amendments is rather incomprehensible or meaningless.

WPNA has purchased enough of the League of Women Voters' non-partisan voting guides to give one to each family who attends. These explain the questions in plain English and will be passed out at our next meeting.

SELECTED AMENDMENTS FOR YOUR ATTENTION

AMENDMENT #4 -

Whether or not to grant state legislators 4 year terms (it's now 2 year terms) in the General Assembly.

AMENDMENT #5 -

Whether or not to permit state aid for school systems determined to be in need of assistance in capitol outlay projects.

AMENDMENT #15 -

Whether or not to allow the General Assembly to provide for a method of recall of elected public officials.

AMENDMENT #17 -

Whether or not to allow the General Assembly to provide for a change in the form of government of DeKalb County (Eg. separation of the legislative and executive powers.) subject to County voters approval.

AMENDMENT #76 -

Whether or not to allow DeKalb County to have special service tax districts.

Neighbors' Exchange

Interested in using organic, bio-degradable laundry detergents and household cleaners - all natural cosmetics and a superior line of vitamins and weight reducing protein powder? Call Peter Mann, 373-8148, Shaklee Distributor.

For information on in-home toy parties - most under \$5.00 (Save trips to the store for birthday and holiday presents) Call Janie Hartsfield, 377-5838.

Several Winnona Park families participate in a small, neighborhood babysitting co-op, which is interested in expanding. If you would like to find out more about the co-op and save money - find new playmates for your children and make new friends, too, call Alice 288-5102.

Putting a new roof on your home? There may be a legal way you can save money by not having to remove old layers of roofing. For details, call Peter Mann, 373-8148.

Original watercolors - nice for Christmas gifts. Janet Chadwick, 378-1879.

Call if interested in madrigal singing for neighborhood Christmas party. Janet Chadwick, 378-1879.



Housing Study

The Decatur Neighborhood Alliance is sponsoring a survey of selected households in South Decatur to be held on November 11.

The survey work will be done by volunteers from the community through the cooperative efforts of the South Decatur Community Council and other member neighborhood groups.

The purpose of the survey is to document neighborhood housing conditions. Volunteers will be coming to representative households to ask a few questions about housing conditions. The confidential interview will take about five minutes.

The Alliance intends to use the information from this survey to help Decatur plan future community development. The survey is being conducted by Decatur Neighborhood Alliance with special help from the Center for Urban Research and Service at Georgia State University.

In addition to documenting housing needs, the survey itself seeks to demonstrate that local citizens can gather data to plan for their future. It is hoped that the Alliance, the volunteers, and the neighborhood residents will learn how to collect usable information about local conditions.

This information will help to ensure that the local government is aware of community needs. Additionally, this data may aid the City to continue receiving federal funds for use in the community.

Anyone interested in being involved in the survey work or wanting more information may contact the Alliance president, Lyn Deardorff, at 377-8010.



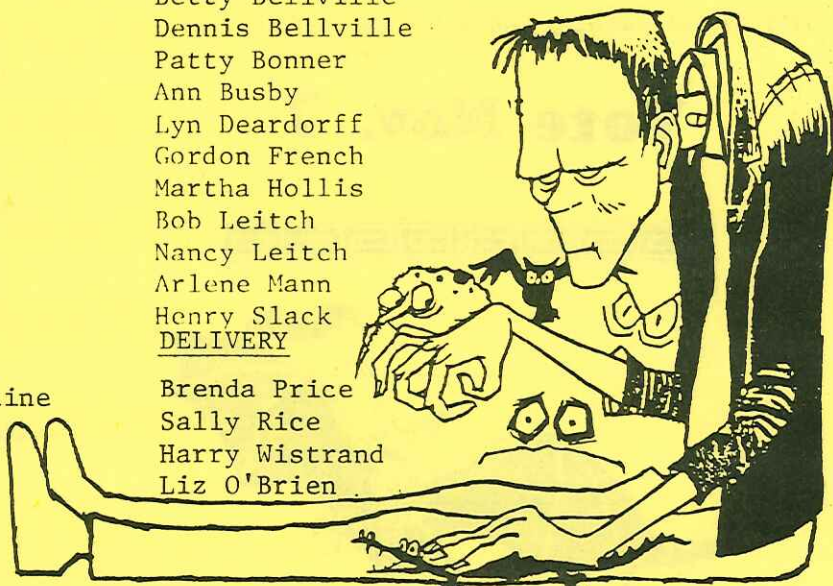
Coming Events

(See articles for details)

- Oct. 29 - WPNA Meeting
- Oct. 30 - Falcon's Game Fund Raiser
- Nov. 1 - Traffic Study Public Hearing
- Nov. 7 - General Election
- Nov. 8 - Newsletter Deadline
- Nov. 11 - Housing Survey
- Nov. 15 - City Voter Registration Deadline
- Nov. 19 - WPNA Meeting
- Dec. 5 - City Elections
- Dec. 22 - Christmas Carolling

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Halloween is fun time

Trick or Treating is fun too—
But be careful

Don't play with fire anytime. Light your
pumpkin with a flashlight, instead of a
candle.

Wear a costume that won't catch fire. Be
sure your costume is bright, so everyone
can see you clearly.

Use cosmetics or charcoal to make up
your face. If you do wear a mask, a beard,
and a wig, make sure they are not too tight
and be sure you can see easily.

Always look both ways before crossing the
street. Obey traffic signals.

Walk in the light, and try not to cross over
dark backyards and lawns.

Don't eat your treats right away. Save them
until you get home. Let your mom or dad
inspect your candy and all other treats.

And, when you receive your treats,
remember to say "THANK YOU".

A Message from your DeKalb County Police

TAXES !

VOTE YES FOR AMENDMENT 76 - PUNCH YES (207)
November 7

This is the amendment which allows
Tax Districts in DeKalb County; which
allows fairer taxation; which will lower
our Decatur property taxes.

Neighbor's Concern

Ever wonder why Jack-O-Lanterns are
missing half their teeth? Ask a dentist!

This pumpkin-night, think of nutri-
tious candy alternatives, such as roasted
peanuts in the shell, balloons, popcorn or
homemade goodies and fruit (in a baggie
with your name and address, so parents
know it's safe.)

Whatever you do, avoid Nestle's
candy. There is a national boycott on all
Nestle's products because of this company's
sale and promotion of infant formula in
third world countries where mothers are
unable to use these products properly, re-
sulting in illness and death in small
babies. For more information, call Arlene
Mann - 373-8148.

Voter Registration

Did you know that one must register
separately for City elections and County
elections? Approximately 775 of our
neighbors do not! According to the latest
figures available at press time, the
Winnona Park Precinct has 1,556 registered
voters for County elections and only 781
registered voters for City elections.

In 1976 there were 2154 potential
voters in Winnona Park of whom 699 (32%)
registered for City elections and only
254 (12%) voted in the City election.
Even in 1977 when Winnona Park resident,
Martha Hollis, ran only 280 total votes
were cast. That means that 12% (approx.
1 out of 8) of our neighbors decided for
us who our City Commissioners would be.
By comparison, in 1976, 85% of us regis-
tered and 58% voted in County elections.

In 1976, all of South Decatur had
42% of the cities potential voters but
only 28% of the total vote. In fact,
since 1969 South Decatur has averaged
only 27% of the vote in City elections.
Obviously, we are not doing our part in
deciding who runs our city and determines
our taxes. It is a citizens most basic
right and duty to register and vote.

Did you know that City elections are
NOT in November? Apparently, 1,000 of us
don't. In 1976, 1257 people in Winnona
Park voted in the November General elec-
tion and only 254 voted in the December
(City) election even though two of the
three races were contested and in one of
the contested races there was no incumbent.

One may register by going to the
Decatur City Hall (on the corner of N.
McDonough Street & Trinity across from the
County Courthouse and next to the Elliott
Levitas Headquarters in the old Belk's
store) during regular business hours,
Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. -
5:00 P.M. or come to the Winnona Park
Neighbors Association meeting where we
will have a Deputy Registrar. The Winnona
Park P.T.A. frequently has a Deputy Regis-
trar at their meetings also.

Please register on or before Wednes-
day, November 15, 1978 and vote Tuesday,
December 5, 1978. Become one of the
powerful few who choose our City Commis-
sioners.



Scottish Rite

A year long effort on the part of community residents has resulted in the submission to H.E.W. of a health center application. If approved and funded, the Oakhurst Community Health Center should open its doors to the community by July 1, 1979.

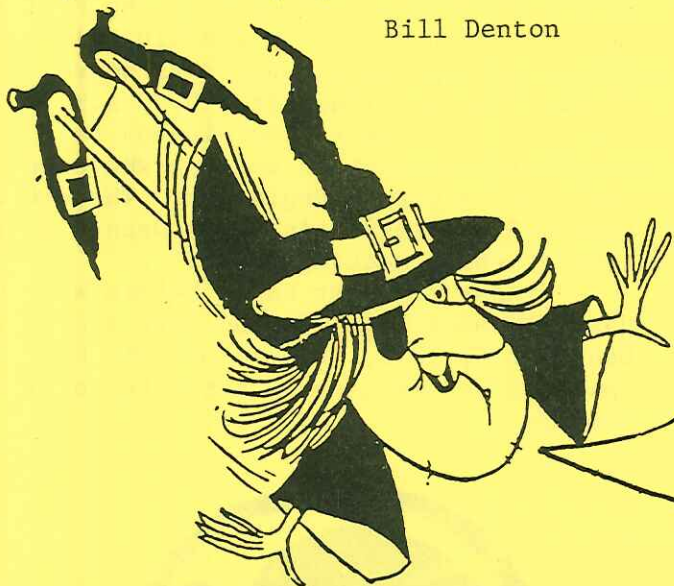
The proposed clinic-whose services were defined during a series of community task force meetings-will have some unique features. Although a doctor will be available to treat illness, the Oakhurst Clinic will emphasize health education and illness prevention. Patient education directed toward improving a particular health problem will be given by the clinic physician and nurses. General health education programs on life style, nutrition, physical fitness, and healthy environments will be directed by the staff health educator.

The clinic will emphasize availability of services including maintaining evening and weekend hours as well as day time clinic hours. A telephone crisis number will be publicized.

If all goes well, the clinic will be located at the old Scottish Rite Hospital. The owners have promised availability of the facility and negotiations are under way regarding the leasing contract. The Health Department-which will be a major resource for preventive care-has indicated an interest in establishing a local service facility at the same location. This, too, is under negotiation.

Chairperson of the Oakhurst Clinic board is Elizabeth Wilson (373-9712). Bill Denton has coordinated planning and development of the project.

Bill Denton



Kid Power News

The Winnona Park Elementary School students, teachers and P.T.A. have started a newsletter. I missed the first issue, but received the second issue and it was excellent! Congratulations kids. Just don't get so good that you put us out of business.

let me

For non-subscribers, tell you that the paper was 7 pages full of such things as news articles, classroom reports, jokes, puzzles, original poetry and book reviews. If you haven't seen Kid Power News, try to get a copy and see how well our neighborhood children are doing. Congratulations and keep up the good work!



Bob Leitch
President, WPNA

Christmas Carolling

Mark Friday, December 22, on your calendar for the Winnona Park Family Christmas Caroling. Vocalizing will be followed by a wassail party for adults. Watch the November Neighbors' News for details. Tra la la la!



**Send \$1.00
Join WPNA
OR ELSE!**

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
WINNONA PARK NEIGHBORS ASSOCIATION - DECATUR, GEORGIA

Name (s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Date _____

Occupation (s) _____

Mail to: Allen Price, 335 Winnona Dr., Decatur, Ga.